

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,

Debtors.

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Chapter 11

Case No 08-35653 (KRH)

Jointly Administered

RICHMOND DIVISION
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**RESPONSE TO LIQUIDATING TRUST'S SIXTY FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION
TO LANDLORD CLAIMS (REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PARTIALLY INVALID
CLAIMS)**

Berkadia Commercial Mortgage, LLC, ("Berkadia") successor-in- interest to Capmark Finance, Inc. on behalf of Bank of America National Association as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association fka LaSalle National (the "Claimholder"), by and through its counsel Bryan Cave LLP, hereby files this Response to Liquidating Trust's Sixty-Fourth Omnibus Objection To Landlord Claims (Reduction of Certain Partially Invalid Claims) (the "Objection"), and states as follows:

1. The Bankruptcy Trustee has objected to the proof of claim number 9724 (the "Claim") filed by Claimholder alleging that the Claim asserts amounts for which Debtors are not liable.
2. The Objection offers no explanation for Debtors' basis for seeking a partial reduction of the Claim but notes that all the claims on Exhibit B to the Objection, including the Claim, are (i) liabilities already asserted by the Claimants in other claims; (ii) liabilities that have already been satisfied by the Debtors; (iii) liabilities for which the Debtors dispute liability.

3. In regards to the Claim, Exhibit B to the Objection further notes “Reduce by \$8,892.68 for a real estate tax credit owed to Debtors.” Debtors, however, offer no evidence of the alleged tax credit they claim is owed to Debtors from Claimholder.

4. Rule 3001(f) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure provides that a “proof of claim executed and filed in accordance with these rules shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of the validity and amount of the claim. Fed. R. Bankr P. 3001(f).

5. After a creditor has timely and properly filed a proof of claim, the Debtor must produce substantial evidence to rebut this *prima facie* evidence. See in re Hemingway Transp. Inc. 993 F.2d 915, 925 (1st Cir. 1993) (“The interposition of an objection does not deprive the proof of claim of presumptive validity unless the objection is supported by substantial evidence”); In re Harford Sands, Inc. 372 F.3d 637,640-41 (4th Cir. 2004) (Creditor's filing of proof of claim constitutes *prima facie* evidence of amount and validity of claim, and burden is on debtor to object to claim and to introduce evidence to rebut its presumptive validity); In re Gran, 964 F.2d 882, 827 (8th Cir. 1992) (“The objection party must then produce evidence rebutting the claimant or else the claimant will prevail.”)

6. The Trustee bears the burden of proof for the disallowance of any portion of the Claim. See In re Woodmere Investors Ltd. Partnership, 178 B.R. 346, 354 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y 1995).

7. The Bankruptcy Trustee has asserted no evidence whatsoever, (i) that portions of the Claim are liabilities already asserted by the Claimholder in other claims; (ii) that the Claim includes liabilities that have already been satisfied by the Debtors; or (iii) that the Claim includes amounts for which Debtors are not liable.

8. Nonetheless, Claimholder asserts that the amount of its claim is \$457,440.00.

WHEREFORE, Claimholder respectfully requests that the Court (a) overrule the Objection as it relates to the Claim; (b) allow the Claim in the amount of \$457,440.00 as provided in Claimholder's proof of claim; and (c) grant Claimholder such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: January 29, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby states that on the 29th day of January, 2013, a true and correct copy of the above foregoing instrument was sent via overnight mail to:

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